

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on May 22nd, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Absent: Paul J. Golembeske. Also present: Tom Dunn, Business Manager, Fire Chief Petrin and Lt. Antone Marion.

Salute to the Flag.

Council President Mushen called to order a Public Hearing, duly advertised, for the purpose of obtaining citizens' views of the following proposed activities:

TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The Town of Little Compton is preparing to submit a Community Development application to request up to \$150,000 to undertake the following activities:

1) Public Improvement: Provide funding to replace broken hoist on the fishing crane which was funded by previous CDBG funds.

Amount: \$19,000

2) Public Service: Provide support to the St. Elizabeth's Community Cornerstone Adult Services' Nancy Brayton Osborn Adult Day center

that provides adult day health services to frail elders and adults with disabilities and those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Amount: \$ 5,000

3) Public Services: Support for the Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol Counties to provide counseling and advocacy services to victims of domestic violence.

Amount: \$ 4,000

4) Public Facility: Provide funding for East Bay Community Action Program for structural repairs to the community food pantry section of the human services facility in Tiverton.

Amount: \$5,450

5) Public Service: Provide operating support for the Community Housing Resource Board/Housing Hotline of Newport County to provide housing counseling, referral services, and education and outreach to affirmatively further Fair Housing in Newport County.

Amount: \$ 2,500

6) Economic Development: Provide funding to Social Enterprise Greenhouse (SEG) to expand the online micro enterprise incubator in Newport County. SEG is also working with Church Community Housing Corp. to develop and implement a micro enterprise loan fund.

Amount: \$1,500

7) Housing Operating: Provide support to Church Community Housing Corporation for costs for Residential Rehabilitation loans, RI Housing Loan programs, Homeowners Assistance, and Homebuyer Training programs.

Amount: \$ 10,000

8) Housing Operating; Provide operating support to the Community Housing Land Trust of RI for technical assistance, training and monitoring of affordable housing units.

Amount: \$ 3,000

9) Town Administration:

Amount: \$1,500

Christian Belden of Church Community Housing Corporation reviewed the proposed activities for those in attendance. Gerry Manning of St. Elizabeth's Community Cornerstone Adult Services Nancy Brayton Osborn Adult Day Care reviewed her proposed activity.

Councilor Mushen asked if his fellow Councilors wished to increase the dollar amount of funding for the East Bay Community Action Program activity. No comments were received.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): Receiving no further public comment the public hearing on a proposed application for Community Development Block Grant Funding.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas,

Mushen): To adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funds are available under the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Department of Administration, Division of Planning, Office of Housing and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has authorized the Director of said Department/Office to disburse such funds; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Town of Little Compton that application be made to undertake a local Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LITTLE COMPTON That the filing of the following application for the amount of \$51,950 to implement the activities proposed herein hereby authorizes and that Robert L. Mushen, Chief Executive Officer, is hereby authorized and directed to file said application with the Office of Housing and Community Development, to provide any additional information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with the State of Rhode Island and to otherwise act as the Representative of the Town of Little Compton in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon the application activities prioritized and listed as follows:

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Announcements:

1) The Town has received a RI Dept. of Environmental Management 2014 Local Recreation Grant award of \$250,000 for the Athletic Field Renovation Project on the Commons. The Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Committee coordinated the application for these grant funds. The Town is thankful of the services of Marjorie O'Toole, Patrick McHugh and Tom Alder for their work on this project. Once the PODS are removed from the Peckham Lot survey and engineering work will begin. The total project funding is anticipated as follows:

\$250,000 – matching grant funds from RIDEM 2014 Local Recreation Grant

\$125,000 – matching grant funds from Talco and Municipal Trusts

\$62,500 – Financial Town Meeting approved expenditure

\$62,500 – donations to be raised

2) The Town Council has been invited by the American Legion to participate in the Annual Memorial Day Parade and Exercises on May 26th at the Commons

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Fire Department Head Report for March 2014.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the payment of \$342,728.42 to be charged to the School Construction account to ADS Construction, Inc. under application #16 for the Wilbur McMahon School Renovation Project.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To defer until June 5, 2014 further discussion on a request to use the town tennis courts by the Little Compton Senior Tennis League.

Robert Goff, Tax Assessor presented a proposal to continue with the

tax exempt status for several non-profits within Little Compton. He also noted that the Board of Assessors has denied exempt status to the Little Compton Game Club. After a brief discussion the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): Based on the recommendation of the Board of Tax Assessors the Town Council hereby votes to continue tax exempt status for the following non-profits:

Little Compton Village Improvement Society – exempt by vote of Town Council Apr. 7, 1931

Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America

Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River

RI Red Club of America

Little Compton Historical Society

Friends of LC Nursing Association, Inc. n/k/a Little Compton Wellness Center, Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To consider at the June 5, 2014 Council meeting a request from Jason Ford, a teacher at the Wilbur McMahon School, to use the town tennis courts during the summer and to inform Mr. Ford that the Council has received his request and is

generally in favor of the use, contingent upon clarification of a prior request to use the courts and whether or not his use will be for profit.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant authority to Fire Chief Petrin and Councilor Mushen to prepare and return to the June 5, 2014 Council meeting with a proposal to apply for a RI Emergency Management Agency Homeland Security Grant after having coordinated with both police and fire departments.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To refer to the Town Solicitor for further referral to the RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust a letter received from Mr. Craig Hibbad, Otter Brook Farm LLC seeking reimbursement for expenses incurred during his need to respond to a cease and desist issued by RI Dept. of Environmental Management on a building permit granted by the Town of Little Compton.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To remove from the agenda the acceptance of bids for a replacement hoist at the Town Dock due to a previous decision to place the hoist replacement project on the application for Community Development Block Grant funds.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To accept with regret a letter of retirement submitted by Police Chief Sidney M. Wordell effective June 30, 2014 and to appoint Lt. Antone Marion III as Acting Police Chief in Chief Wordell's absence.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize Councilor Mushen to continue pursuing viable town property, including a review of land owned by the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust and Wilbour's Wood's, to negotiate with Verizon Wireless for the potential placement of a cell tower in Little Compton.

Councilor Mushen reviewed a plan to structure the Public Works Department with a Building Systems Supervisor, a Road Superintendent, the Maintenance Foreman and the Tree Warden all under the supervision of the Director of Public Works/Highway Supervisor. Presently the Director of Public Works is currently being trained by the Commissioning Agent at the school regarding the building systems. He spends three (3) days at the Town Hall, one (1) day at the school and another day on road work depending on the season. This structure is in its developmental stage. Unions have not been approached yet on the potential structure change.

Councilor Mushen will meet with the Maintenance Foreman and discuss this matter with National Education Association of RI Union which serves the two locals covered under this plan.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To agree with the concept to structure the Public Works Department (listed below) and to authorize the Council President to move forward with the necessary steps to begin this transition.

Public Works Department Director of Public Works (Highway Supervisor) to supervise the following:

- * Building Systems Supervisor – operates BMS, executes O&M agreements, coordinates interior/exterior maintenance**
- * Road Superintendent – road repair, snow removal, swale maintenance, driveways & pipes**
- * Maintenance Foreman – waste disposal, lawn care, building maintenance, town property care**
- * Tree Warden – Tree care**

No actions are needed as a result of the Annual Financial Town Meeting.

At 8:11 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License Commissioners voted the following:

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a Class F one day beverage license to the Little Compton Community Center for a Photography Show Patron Party on May 23, 2014 and an Art Show Patron Party on July 18, 2014.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a Class F-1 one day beverage license to the Little Compton Game Club for a clambake to be held on June 1, 2014 at the John Dyer Road facility.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to the Friends of the Brownell Library to use the town bulk rate mailing permit for its annual mailing.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant permission to the Little Compton Tree Committee to use the town bulk rate mailing permit for a mailing.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from

Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a resolution adopted by the Warren Town Council supporting H7896 and S2397 concerning education.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Appleton, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a resolution adopted by the Charlestown Town Council supporting H7178 and S2314, prohibiting the free distribution of plastic bags.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a resolution adopted by the Barrington Town Council where they pledged to not text and drive and support efforts to raise public awareness about the dangers of texting while driving.

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To withdraw consent item #5 for discussion and place on file consent calendar items #1 to #4 as follows:

- 1. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Newport City Council concerning RI Ethics Commission oversight**
- 2. Copy of a Zoning Determination filed by the Building**

Official/Zoning Enforcement Officer regarding Map 7, Lot 2-1, 601 West Main Road

3. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Middletown Town Council concerning the Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund

4. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Middletown Town Council concerning the elimination of Master Lever voting

Discussion of consent item #5 - Copy of a letter to the Police Chief noting that a request from his department for a crosswalk to be installed on Main Street (Adamsville) will be heard May 14, 2014 by the State Traffic Commission.

An update on consent item #5 was given by Lt. Marion, Police Department. A meeting was held with a RI Dept. of Transportation (RIDOT) engineer to review the roadways in Adamsville. The State then conducted a study of the area with a report to be given to the RIDOT Traffic Commission. It is believed that a crosswalk and additional signage will be suggested at the June 11, 2014 RODOT Traffic Commission meeting. The Police Department will keep the Council apprised of the situation.

Councilor Mushen announced that he wished one more bill be added to the listed presented for approval – H.N. Wilcox – Fire Department – mooring of the fire department rescue vessel for \$2,000.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from

Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$45,108.14

Sakonnet Tree, Inc. - Tree Warden \$556.00

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Poland Spring - Town Hall \$16.20

Poland Spring - Maintenance \$5.04

United Site Services - Transfer Station \$115.00

Direct Energy - Transfer Station \$62.58

Direct Energy - Public Safety Complex \$629.65

Direct Energy - Town Hall \$270.22

Direct Energy - IOOF \$16.22

Direct Energy - 32 Commons \$16.42

Direct Energy - Street Lights \$6.60

Direct Energy - Town Dock \$26.33

Direct Energy - Street Lights Peckham Lot \$21.57

Direct Energy - Cell Tower \$263.71

Direct Energy - Street Lights Adamsville \$36.83

Petro - Town Hall \$2,277.53

Fisher Bus Inc. - Senior Busing \$450.00

Valcourt Heating Inc. - Public Safety Complex \$114.50

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Valcourt Heating Inc. - Maintenance \$101.50

Valcourt Heating Inc. - 32 Commons \$158.50

Direct Mail Manager Inc. - Budget Committee \$990.44

Paul's Press - Budget Committee \$2,687.00

Carol A Wordell - Canvassing - Town Clerk \$62.73

Allied Waste - Transfer Station \$7,149.21

Richard S Humphrey - Legal Services \$362.50

Interstate Refrigerant Recovery Inc. - Transfer Station \$140.00

Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$29.39

Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$15.74

Nationalgrid - street Lights Peckham Lot \$26.09

Nationalgrid - IOOF \$22.40

Nationalgrid - 32 Commons \$22.55

Nationalgrid - Town Hall \$198.07

Nationalgrid - Street Lights - Adamsville \$36.65

Nationalgrid - Cell Tower \$193.55

Core Business Technologies - Town hall - misc. depts \$6,415.00

Home Depot - Canvassing \$25.97

Aquidneck Mooring - Harbor Management Fund \$150.00

Denise Cosgrove - Assessors \$122.08

Bertrand Chretien - Maintenance \$109.65

WB Mason - Clerk - Town Hall - Fire Dept. \$196.83

Cox Communications - 32 Commons \$33.00

Valcourt Heating - Town Hall \$131.00

Valcourt Heating - Town Hall \$121.00

OTIS - Town Hall \$5,479.26

Tripp's Lawn Care Inc. - Cemetery Fund \$92.00

Tiverton Auto Body - Fire Dept. \$15.00

Pioneer Heavy Duty Parts - Fire Dept. \$16.58

Alex Oliveira - Fire Dept. \$54.09
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Alex Oliveira - Fire Dept. \$109.98
LG Communications - Fire Dept. \$99.00
Vic's Car Wash - Fire Dept. \$9.50
Clinical 1 - Fire Dept. \$352.80
Dawson Group - Fire Dept. \$600.47
Dawson Group - Fire Dept. \$771.72
Cox Communications - Fire Dept. \$165.34
Able Engineering Inc. - Fire Dept. \$500.00
LG Communications - Fire Dept. \$75.00
Firematic Supply Co Inc. - Fire Dept. \$286.00
Griggs & Browne - Fire Dept. \$50.00
Southcoast Hospitals Group - Fire Dept. \$146.79 \$3,612.91
Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$433.53
Salva & Sons Safe & Security - Police Cell tower \$25.00
Rhode Island Attorney General - Drug Forfeiture \$60.00 \$60.00
Durand's Kawasaki \$1,266.82
K.T.R. Maintenance - Police Dept. \$152.11
Vic's Car Wash - Police Dept. \$9.50
Cox Communication/Internet - Police Dept. \$171.00
Cox Communication/Telephone - Police Dept. \$198.26
Rob's Auto - Police Dept. \$120.00 \$1,917.69
Financial Town Meeting - Workers \$557.50
Secretary of State - Little Compton Housing Trust \$20.00

Patrol Data - Capital Funds \$4,835.00

HN Wilcox - Fire Dept. boat mooring \$2,000.00

At 8:19 PM a brief minute recess was given to allow the public to leave the chambers prior to entering into executive session.

At 8:20 PM the Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to enter into executive session under RIGL Section 42-46-5(a)(2) collective bargaining LC Municipal Employees Union. All councilors voted in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen).

Executive Session members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Absent: Paul J. Golembeske.

Councilors discussed the potential desire to seek approval to open the LC Municipal Employees contract to consider amending certain sections.

Councilor Mataronas left the meeting at 8:50 PM.

At 9:00 PM the Council President polled his fellow Councilors as to their wishes to come out of executive session under RIGL Section 42-46-5(a)(2) collective bargaining LC Municipal Employees Union. All councilors voted in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas,

Mushen).

Motion made by Councilor Appleton, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 9:01 PM.

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk